

Officer O'Neal began his law enforcement career as a Reserve Police Officer with the City of Pleasanton in 1976. For 8 years, he volunteered his time working alongside full-time officers during patrol operations and during special events.

Beginning in 1985, Officer O'Neal worked as a full-time police officer. He worked on a variety of assignments, including patrol, detective, two assignments as a Motorcycle Officer, and as SWAT team member.

During his 34 years of service, his true passion was investigating drug-related crimes. Not only was he widely respected in the law enforcement community as a Drug Recognition Expert Instructor, but also by those who he arrested because of the fair and understanding manner he treated everyone. In 1999, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the California Highway Patrol recognized Officer O'Neal for arresting over 100 drug- or alcohol-impaired drivers. He was selected as the Officer of the Year for his outstanding accomplishments.

Throughout his career, Officer O'Neal served as a Field Training Officer and was responsible for training dozens of officers. His passion for new and innovative firearms and safety training brought the most realistic training scenarios possible to fellow officers.

He gave everything he had to the department and its members, and set a fine example of responsibility and dedication.

I join the City of Pleasanton in applauding Officer O'Neal's leadership within the Pleasanton Police Department and expressing appreciation for his commitment to public safety. He is an outstanding role model for others in law enforcement to follow and I wish him well in his retirement.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2194, COMPREHENSIVE IRAN SANCTIONS, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND DIVESTMENT ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 2194, the Comprehensive Iran Sanctions, Accountability, and Divestment Act.

Mr. Speaker, it is in the national security interests of the United States and our allies to compel Iran's leaders to halt their nuclear program.

Sanctions, combined with unified international diplomatic pressure, are our best hope for peacefully achieving this goal.

The tools we use to confront this threat should not be go-it-alone military action, but diplomacy and international pressure.

I have long believed that Iran will only be convinced to give up their nuclear weapons program if a strong, unified international community rallies against Iran's nuclear ambitions.

With President Obama's diplomatic efforts over the past 18 months, we are getting closer to this reality.

This bill follows on President Obama's successful work to pass a very strong fourth round of sanctions through the United Nations Security Council.

The U.N. resolution brought Russia and China on board for globally-binding U.N. sanctions on Iran's banking, finance, shipping and energy sectors.

Now it is time for Congress to act.

The bill before us today complements the diplomatic gains made at the U.N. by expanding sanctions on foreign companies that sell Iran goods, services, or know-how that assist it in developing its energy sector.

In addition, H.R. 2194 imposes significant financial penalties and travel restrictions on Iran's human rights abusers.

Ultimately, this bill provides Iran, and the people and companies that do business with the Islamic Republic a stark choice: comply with the will of the international community, or face the consequences of diplomatic and financial isolation.

Until Iran makes the strategic choice to abandon their nuclear ambitions, this body and the international community have a responsibility to act.

I urge my colleagues to vote for this important legislation.

INTRODUCTION OF THE GULF COAST RESTORATION ACT

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 30, 2010

Mr. McDERMOTT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to announce the introduction of the Gulf Coast Restoration Act, legislation that would create jobs and national service positions to clean and restore the Gulf Coast, and help rebuild communities throughout the Gulf Coast region. Funding for these jobs and services would be provided by BP in accordance with the company's liability under the Oil Pollution Act of 1990.

We have now learned twice—both in the wake of the Exxon Valdez spill and the ongoing cleanup of this disaster—that oil companies will never hold themselves accountable for their mistakes. Negotiating or trying to work with oil companies is futile. We have heard from BP over and over again that it is prepared to fund the cleanup of the Gulf Coast and compensate those whose livelihoods have been devastated by the spill. And over and over again, the American public has seen how unprepared BP was to handle a catastrophic event like the Deepwater Horizon incident. It's going to take Congress and the Administration to force oil companies to do their fair share. This bill will both help clean up the Gulf and provide a much-needed infusion of jobs into the region.

I want to thank Representatives ISRAEL, HIMES, CONNOLLY, LANGEVIN, SUTTON, HINCHEY, BLUMENAUER, and JOHN LEWIS for signing on as original co-sponsors. I also want to thank the continued commitment of the 54 members of the Sustainable Energy and Environment Coalition, who have endorsed the bill and whose dedication has been invaluable.

An estimated one million Gulf Coast residents will likely face permanent job loss as a result of the Deepwater Horizon accident, and experts predict that it will take years, if not decades, to recover from the environmental devastation. We've already heard that some fisheries and ecosystems will likely never fully

recover. If we learned anything from the Exxon Valdez spill, it's that we're going to need an enormous and continued effort to clean up this mess, and this bill will help us do just that.

PAULA HAWKINS POST OFFICE BUILDING

SPEECH OF

HON. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 28, 2010

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise in support of legislation to honor Senator Paula Hawkins by designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 151 North Maitland Avenue in Maitland, Florida, as the "Paula Hawkins Post Office Building."

Senator Hawkins was born in Salt Lake City, Utah on January 24th, 1927 where she attended Utah State University. In 1947 she moved with her husband to Atlanta, Georgia, before finally relocating to Winter Park, Florida, in 1955 where she became active in local politics.

In 1972, she became the first woman elected to statewide office in Florida by winning a seat on the Florida Public Service Commission. After years of hard work and dedication, she ran for the U.S. Senate in 1980 and won, becoming the first woman to be elected to the U.S. Senate with no previous familial ties to the institution.

Serving a 6-year term in the Senate, Senator Hawkins worked hard to defend abused children, fought drugs, championed stay-at-home mothers and fought for freedom across the globe. Her signature pieces of legislation were the Missing Children's Assistance Act and the creation of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

We lost Senator Paula Hawkins this past December. On behalf of the Florida delegation, I would like to express my condolences to her family and friends. For her contributions as a Senator and her hard work for the State of Florida and the Nation, I rise in remembrance of the late Senator Paula Hawkins and also to express my support for this legislation in her honor.

HONORING OFFICERS DAVID CURTIS AND JEFFREY KOCAB

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 30, 2010

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the lives of David Curtis and Jeffrey Kocab, Tampa police officers who were shot and killed in the line of duty Tuesday morning. Both officers were highly revered by their peers.

Officer Curtis is remembered fondly for his positive outlook on life, his rational demeanor, and his devotion to this family. Many of those who know him comment about his dedication to his wife, Kelly, and four sons Austin, Sean, Tyler, and Hunter. He chose to work midnight shifts so that he would have more time to spend with them.